यद्यपि 1994-95 में बजट आवंटन में 716.61 करोड़ रुपए की कमी की गई थी लेकिन 1995-96 में कोई कटौती नहीं की गई है, 1994-95 में बजट आवंटन में कटौती का मुख्य कारण रेलों पर सामान्य अधीक्षण एवं सेवाओं के अंतर्गत निधियों की कम आवश्यकता, रेलपथ और निर्माण कार्यों की मरम्मत एवं अनुरक्षण, रेल इंजन, सवारी एवं माल डिब्बे संयंत्र एवं उपस्कर, परिचालन खर्च आदि का जिससे कि योजना खर्च के अंतर्गत रेलवे निधियों की बचत हुई थी।

(ग) और (घ) केन्द्रीय सरकार की 1995-96 और 1996-97 के लिए अनुदान की मांगें पुस्तकों में यथा मुद्रित अन्य मंत्रालयों/विभागों के लिए बजट आवंटन इस प्रकार है:—

(करोड़ रुपये में)

	बजट अनुमान	संशोधित अनुमान
1994-95	362844.97	370890.58
1995-96	396013.97	403739.70

यद्यपि अन्य मंत्रालयों/विभागों के लिए समस्त बजट आवंटन में कोई कटौती नहीं की गई थी फिर भी कुछ मंत्रालय/विभाग ऐसे हैं, जिनके बजट आवंटन में कटौती की गई थी, उनके नाम और ब्यौरा उपर्युक्त दस्तावेजों के सारांश में उपलब्ध हैं,

Dumping of Lead Toxic Wastes in India

1426. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lead toxic wastes are being dumped in India as reported in the Times of India dated 2nd July, 1996;

(b) the quantum of this waste imported during the last three years;

(c) the countries which are exporting it to India; and

(d) action taken by Government to ban this toxic waste import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No Sir. the wastes are not being dumped in India as reported. These are being brought into the country for reprocessing and reuse.

(b) and (c) The details pertaining to waste imports permitted by this Ministry is given in the enclosed statement. (*See Below*).

(d) The import of hazardous wastes are regulated under Rule 11 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, (Rule 11), the import of hazardous wastes from any country to India are hanned for dumping and disposal. However, import of such wastes are allowed for processing or reuse as raw materials after examining each case on merit. Any import of hazardous wastes would come under the purview of these Rules. The Government of India is a Party to the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Imports of hazardous wastes are also examined as per the obligations under this Convention.

Statement

List of units granted permission to import hazardous wastes under Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 upto July, 1996.

1. **Importer M/s Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd, Calcutta. One time permission for the import of 150 KL of waste**

oil for trial runs for R&D project in December 1993.

Exporting country—Dubai.

2. **Importer-M/s** Southern Refiners Ltd, Trivandrum.
One time permission for import of 8000 barrels of waste oil for trial run to demonstrate waste oil re-refining by vaccum distillation technology in 1994.
Exporting country — UK.

3. **Importer-M/s** Zinc Smelters & Refiners India Pvt. Ltd, Bombay.
One time permission for the import of single consignment of not exceeding 20,000 MT of zinc containing residual dusts (steel mill dust) on 20th June, 1994.
Exporting country — Germany.

4. **Importer-M/s** Bharat Zinc Ltd, Bhopal.
Permission was granted for negotiating the import of 17,000 MT of zinc ash/dross/scrap from various countries of Europe with a condition that clearance would be sought from time to time on each consignment by providing necessary shipment details. Imports from Germany, Netherlands and Sweden were permitted.
Exporting countries—Germany, The Netherlands & Sweden.

5. **Importer**—M/s Indo-Zinc Ltd, Dhar, MP.
Permission was granted for import of 1000 MT containing zinc ash/dross/scrap on 8th May, 1995.
Exporting country—The Netherlands.

6. **Importer**—M/s Associated Pigments Ltd, Calcutta.
Permission was granted for import of 3,5000 MT of lead waste containing lead dross/residue/scrap on 11 december, 1995 as per the recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose under this Ministry.
Exporting country— South Korea.

7. **Importer**—M/s Indian Lead Limited, Bombay.
Permission granted only to negotiated the import of lead dross/residue/scrap for use in their Thane unit as per the recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose on 21st Novembner, 1995. No permission has been given for any consignement so far.

All imports were permitted subject to the requirement under Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and the conditions stipulated for the purpose.

Increased Production of Vegetables

1427. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big scope for the growth of vegetable production in the country;

(b) if so, what special steps are being taken to effect substantial increase in the production of vegetables; and

(c) what additional expenditure is to be incurred by the Centre in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) To increase the production of vegetables, Government of India is implementing following schemes during VIII Five Year Plan:

(1) **Central Sector Scheme on Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds:—**

The scheme envisages the production of foundation seeds of imporved varieties and hybrids and popularisation of quality seeds through distribution of minikits to the farmers.